

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today Congressman Sanford Bishop was proud to announce that Valdosta Technical College will receive \$49,474 from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to implement the "Road Map to Success" project.

The Road Map to Success project will target girls 15 to 17 year old in six Georgia counties by providing a residential summer program focusing on academic and personal enrichment. Participants will receive special academic coursework that is geared toward improving grade level performance in English, reading and math. Valdosta State will supplement the academic enrichment with life skills workshops that include decision-making, building self esteem, team building, goal setting and conflict resolution.

"Our goal is to increase opportunities for our young women. This program will not only provide them with the skills they need to succeed beyond high school, it will give them the options and the confidence they need to get ahead," said Congressman Bishop. "Giving our young people the opportunity to reach their full potential makes a difference in their lives and in our community. As a member of the Appropriations Committee I am proud to have worked directly with the Justice Department in earmarking these funds for such a worthy project."